



Calgary Academy Society
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 16, 2017

In Attendance:

Directors: Rob Roach; Ken McNeill; Katherine Taylor; Mary Anne Desmeules; Linda Fox-Mellway; Neil Tichkowsky; Al Wahlstrom; Paul Knapp; Todd Hirsch

Administration: Dale Erickson; Jan Jordan; Janice Nigh; Dylan Thomas; Riley Ohler

Regrets: Pat Cavill(on leave); Michelle Stonehouse; Carolyn Ferraby

1. **Call to Order:** 5:58 pm – Todd Hirsch

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Todd approved the Consideration of Consent of Agenda

3. **Approval of April 11, 2017 minutes of regular meetings of the Board of Directors –**
Todd

4. **Advocacy Proposal**

Motion 2017-15-16-01: To go in camera

Moved: Katherine Taylor

Passed

5. **Youth Campus construction update** – Dale - A letter has been written to Alberta Education to request additional funding for Hazardous Materials for the Golden West Bakery. A summary of spending costs has been provided with the letter. This could be funded from the Provincial projects hazmat grant money.

There will be a tour of the site at 3:00 Friday for those who would like to see it. This could be the last opportunity for a tour.

6. **Approval of the 2017/18 School Calendar** – Dale shared the calendar with the group and identified the changes. CAA will be moving to 180 days of instruction and 200 days in session with changes to start times to accommodate the bussing at the new campus.

Motion 2017-05-17-02: To approve the 2017/18 calendar as presented

Moved: Paul Knapp

Passed

7. **Staffing** - Dale – Staffing is now complete. There is not a large change. Certificated staff will be reduced from 24.3 to 23.9, with an increase to non-certificated from 7.4 to 8.4.

Administrators will increase from 1.5 to 2. A security position will be added at the Youth campus to ensure a safe transition for students. There will be a slight decrease in enrolment to comply with the cap. There will be only grid increases for certificated staff, and a 2.5% increase to custodial, with the remainder of staff to receive no increase in 2017/18. This is consistent with the ATA agreement due to no increase to funding. The staffing schedule fulfils the charter mandate.

8. Budget 2017/18 – Jan and Ken - The 2017/18 draft budget was once again shared with the board with a deficit of \$47,853 to be taken from Accumulated Operating Surplus(AOS). The draft reflects the following:

- Based on zero increase to funding support
- Based on a slight decrease to student count
- Grid increases to certificated staff based on 85% of CBE grid
- No increases to support staff and artists
- Increase of 2.5% to custodian staff
- Addition of a security person at the Youth Campus(new position)
- Increase of instructional days to 180 from 175(increase to bussing cost)
- Decrease in number of busses from 7 to 6, implementing neighbourhood stops

Ken and Jan met to review the budget in detail. Ken thanked Jan for her competency in preparing and presenting a comprehensible budget for the Board's review. He thanked Dale and her for their hard work in producing the budget with a small deficit in difficult times. The Final 2017/18 Spring Budget update report will be presented for approval at the June 20, 2017 meeting.

9. Committee Reports & Updates

TAAPCS - Valhalla on May 12th and 13 attended by Paul – Boris Vidal and Paul Knapp will Co-Chair the Directors committee on TAAPCS. The Directors will be the New Executive of TAAPCS and will seek direction and be accountable to their Superintendents and Board for decision making and voting. TAAPCS was to receive a grant of \$2,500 for operating costs in 2016/17 but have yet to receive this money and do not expect to see it in 2017/18.

Charter school regulations will expire in October of 2017. Marlene Lamb will express concerns to Alberta Education.

The TAAPCS website needs lots of work done on it.

Ron Coper produced a video which promotes the value of independent school boards. It is worth a look.

A new budget was proposed for the operations of TAAPCS and school fees. Schools with less than 200 students will pay a nominal fee of \$500; 201-400 enrolment will pay \$2,500;



401-600 will pay \$3,750; 601-800 will pay \$4,500 and 801 plus will pay \$5,000. TAAPCS has one paid employee - Chief Executive who earns \$30,000.

Motion 2017-05-17-03: To approve the TAAPCS fee structure as presented with CAA to pay \$3,750

Moved: Paul Knapp

Passed

10. Meeting Adjourned at 8:16 pm

INFORMATION ITEMS - ** Upcoming School/ Board Events

- Wrap up meeting of the Board of Directors – **June 20, 2017** - TBA